

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, restriction was required between Invention I, claims 1-11, drawn to a hydrodynamic bearing and a motor device in combination with the hydrodynamic bearing, and Invention II, claim 12, drawn to a method of plastic deformation processing a hydrodynamic bearing. The Examiner advised that the two inventions are patentably distinct from one another thereby making restriction proper.

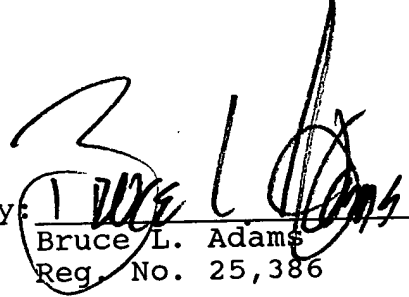
In response to the restriction requirement, applicants have provisionally elected the invention characterized by the Examiner as Invention I drawn to a hydrodynamic bearing and a motor device in combination therewith and list claims 1-11 as being readable on the elected invention.

Independent claim 1 has been amended in formal respects to improve the wording, and claim 2 together with the specification on page 6 have been amended to correct the carbon content as 0.2% (rather than 2%). The basis for this correction is Fig. 3, which correctly shows the content percentage of the special steel material including a carbon content of 0.20%.

In view of the foregoing, early and favorable action
on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

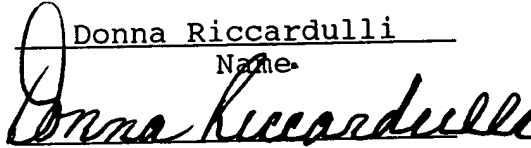
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